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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Subject: Communication Requirements of the CIA  
During Wartime

References: (a) DCI Memorandum of 12 August 1952 to  
Director, Communications-Electronics, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
(b) OSD Memorandum of 27 September 1950  
to Director, CIA

1. By reference (a), subject requirements of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) were made known to the Department of Defense.

2. It has been ascertained that the Department of Defense can handle the CIA wartime traffic load as set forth in reference (a), under the following conditions:

a. That requirements for long distance, high volume, high precedence traffic be kept to a minimum.

b. That precedence classifications on all CIA traffic be assigned in accordance with JANAP 121 and the traffic be subject to the same regulations as apply to military traffic.

c. That control measures similar to those used by the Military Departments be maintained by CIA to insure that the volume of electrical communications traffic is held to a minimum.

d. That the CIA will reimburse the Military Departments for the cost of additional resources or augmentation necessary to handle CIA traffic.

e. That the Military Departments will not handle CIA traffic within the continental United States when traffic volume and economy would dictate and security would permit CIA using or leasing direct point-to-point commercial circuits.

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25X1 f. That the Military Departments will establish a military base abroad [ ] solely for the purpose of handling CIA traffic only when directed by the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

3. In order to expedite the determination of circuits which each of the Military Departments will provide under the above authorization, liaison with the Director, Communications-Electronics, as set forth in reference (b), should be continued. To establish the details of CIA requirements and determine the resources which CIA must provide, liaison with each of the Military Departments concerned should be instigated.

4. The traffic and circuit requirements of the CIA should be reviewed at least semi-annually and referred to the Joint Communications-Electronics Committee for consideration.

  
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